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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GERMANS BEING SOREL PRESSED.

FRENCH ADVANCE BETWEEN SIX AND NINE MILES.

THE ENEMY'S TERRIBLE LOSSES IN CROSSING THE MARNE.

London, July 21. Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the Germans endeavoured to cover their retreat across the Marne by pouring out great volumes of gas and opening a barrage fire from the north bank. The French replied with a terrible fire. "Squalls of shells, a rain of machine-gun bullets and a storm of bombs destroyed the bridges and covered both banks of the river with projectiles." The enemy lost fifty per cent. of his effectiveness before he completed the evacuation of the south bank.

Awkward Alternatives for the Enemy.

London, July 21.

The news received in London from the front this afternoon is still better. The Germans are faced with a difficult and unpleasant alternative, either to endeavour to beat back the French from Soissons in order to secure the railway for the purpose of supplying the advanced troops in the pocket between Rheiems and Soissons, or to retire their forces further from the Marne and thus flatten out the salient. The present line west of Rheiems leaves the enemy a slip four miles deep in the Marne Valley on a thirteen mile front, and this is the enemy's sole territorial gain since the offensive began on July 18, purchased at enormous losses. Farther left, strong enemy forces hold the north bank of the river, at present preventing a French crossing. The enemy only succeeded in crossing by sacrificing his rearguards. The French hold the heights around Chateau Thierry and are thus enabled to dominate a large area. In the Oise Valley the French have reached Oisy-le-Châtel, further endangering the enemy on the Marne. The latest reports state the French here advanced between six and nine miles. The enemy is sorely pressed and frantic attempts to counter-attack with fresh troops have not succeeded in loosening the French grip on the railway and roads. The enemy appears to have incorporated a new Army between the Marne and the Aisne, the staff of which is composed of officers from Ukraine, whose staff work indicates slackness and disorganized effort.

Useful Work on British Front.

London, July 21.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, telegraphing on July 27, says that a busy and satisfactory week-end has been rounded off by a raid on the German position in Auelay Wood, destroying dugouts and bringing back machine-guns. In the Meteron operation the Australians extended on the flank of the Scottish attack, well down towards Hazebrouck and Bailleul railway, advancing a thousand yards on a two miles front. The enemy was driven back in the centre thirteen hundred yards. The 81st German Reserve Division suffered considerably in this locality. Besides the Scottish body the South Africans fought with conspicuous success taking prisoner, with the Scotsmen, six officers and 377 men, besides two-thirds of the total haul of ten trench mortars and fifty machine-guns. The Australians took over one hundred prisoners. During our first rush under the cover of a smoke screen, the Germans were caught struggling into respirators. They complained that they ought to have been relieved days before. Beyond spasmodic shelling the enemy never retaliated.

Germans Lose an Important Pivot.

London, July 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the capture of Chateau Thierry registers the fall of one of the pivots of the German front between the Marne and the Aisne. The other is Soissons, which is no longer safe. General de Goutti's army entered Chateau Thierry at dawn on July 21, and the enemy withdrew the previous night in order to avoid envelopment. The French pushed on to the north-west and penetrated Entrepôts.

The Crown Prince's Mistake.

London, July 21.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters, telegraphing on the afternoon of July 21, and discussing the reason of the failure of the German offensive, says that the Crown Prince made a mistake in attacking on too wide a front. He calculated on a larger numerical superiority than he actually possessed. The plan was well conceived and worked out and the Germans knew that we expected either a return to the original plan of dividing the Franco-British or an attempt to march towards Paris. The plan chosen would have meant a substantial gain, both material and moral, and have been most important for the next blow on Paris and had the advantage of an offensive facing south and east instead of west. General Lüderhoff reckoned that we would not be ready to meet the army which turned back on Paris. At eight o'clock in the morning on July 21 eight enemy divisions, which crossed to the south bank of the Marne, were never able to cross the hills overlooking the river from the south. None of those who lived to re-cross the river will forget those five terrible days they spent south of the Marne. The ground held was overlooked everywhere by Franco-American artillery observers. Enclosed in a narrow space between the river and the hills, they offered a sure target to our artillery. For food and ammunition they depended on transport across bridges which were constantly shelled and also regularly bombed by Franco-British airmen. They were never able to bring across any artillery heavier than mountain guns and light mine-layer. Owing to the superiority of our artillery, they found themselves in the same position as the Austrians on the south bank of the Piave. Their communications were uncertain and unsafe and their losses from artillery fire were startling. Fifty per cent. of the total strength of some units were made casualties.

French Still Pushing On.

London, July 22.

A French communiqué says:—The battle continues under favourable conditions along the whole front between the Marne and the Aisne. Our troops north of the Oise are driving back the enemy, who is striving to arrest the advance. We progressed in fighting in the region north of Villefranche and farther south we are advancing east of the Paroy-Tigny-Billy-sur-Oise line. South of the Oise we made a big advance at Neuilly St. Front and captured the heights east of La Croix and Grisolles.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GERMANS BEING SOREL PRESSED.

British Aerial Operations.

London, July 21.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on field operations, says:—There is nothing to report.

Our aeroplanes on July 20 dropped eighteen tons of bombs on Courtrai and Lille railways, Bruges Dock and large dumps and billets. There was more air fighting. We brought down fourteen aeroplanes and drove down three out of control. We also destroyed three balloons. Seven British machines are missing.

Air Ministry photographs show extensive damage to a hostile aerodrome at Morhange as the result of an attack on the night of July 19. One large shed and three hangars were destroyed.

Crown Prince Over-Reaches Himself.

London, July 22.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters, writing on the afternoon of the 21st instant, says:—The Crown Prince has over-reached himself. The French Command foresaw that the operation of the Germans momentarily gave serious ground for disquiet by their crossing of the Marne and developing an attack along the river. On the other hand, the main attack east of Rheiems failed, which meant that the operation as a whole was doomed to failure. Nevertheless, the Germans decided to proceed with their original plan and move up the Marne Valley. The result was a week of futile fighting, during which the enemy for the whole time was under our observed artillery fire and lost heavily. The Germans were told that only a few American battalions were engaged, which were so distributed as to give the impression that a great many Americans were fighting. The German Staff seems to have believed this themselves, but now realise the mistake.

THE ALBANIAN THRUST.

What the Italians Have Captured.

London, July 22.

An Italian official message says:—In Albania we carried Point 1071 on the crest of Malysloves, taking prisoners. The French, advancing astride the Devoli, participated in the action. The captures in Albania up to July 19 were 2,167 prisoners, ten medium-sized guns, sixteen field and mountain-guns, four trench guns, two trench mortars, thirty-eight machine-guns, six aeroplanes and much other material. We also liberated some hundreds of Italian and Russian prisoners.

THE SHOOTING OF THE EX-TSAR.

Royal Property for Russian Republic.

London, July 22.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a message from Moscow states that the newspaper *Bjednista* reports:—"By order of the revolutionary people the bloody Tsar is happily deceased at Ekaterinburg. Vive Red Terror!" A decree issued on July 17 declares that the entire property of all the members of the former Imperial House, including deposits in Russian and foreign banks, will be the property of the Russian Republic.

COTTON OPERATIVES IDLE.

London, July 22.

Four-thousand cotton works are now idle at Wigan owing to a dispute the particulars of which were settled on July 17.

BELGIUM AS A "PAWN."

Germany's Greatest Insult.

London, July 21.

Mr. Balfour, in a speech at Westminster, alluding to Count Hertling's recent reference to Belgium as a "pawn," said this meant that, having attacked Belgium without provocation, having conquered it and treated it pitilessly, having deprived it of every material good and all moral benefit attaching to freedom, the Germans were prepared to give it up provided they could get some other territory in which to exercise their peculiar gifts. The Germans would consent to no longer oppress Belgium if the Powers permitted Germany to oppress some other areas of Europe or elsewhere. Of all the outrages to which Belgium had been subjected, none had been more insulting.

THE LOSS OF A U.S. CRUISER.

London, July 21.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the cruiser which was reported to have sunk on July 20, was the San Diego, which was sunk off Fire Island. Several German-made mines were found in the vicinity. No submarine was sighted. There is no report of any other vessel having been attacked; 1,183 survivors were landed at an Atlantic port. The casualties numbered forty-eight.

IMPORTANT ITALIAN GAIN.

London, July 21.

Reuter's correspondent at the Italian Headquarters states that Mount St. Abel, which was mentioned in a communiqué on the 20th instant, is well within Austrian territory. It is an important gain, because it commands Val di Genova to the east and gives excellent observation of the Austrian lines of communication.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE UNREST IN SHANGHAI.

Stormy Meeting at the Japanese Club.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, July 23.

There was a stormy four-hours' meeting at the Japanese Club here last night. It is reported that a resolution was passed requesting that the Japanese Police in the Honkew district be reinforced. The volunteers were held in readiness, but there was no rioting.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

AN AUSTRIAN PEACE FEELER.

"No Direct Friction with Britain."

London, July 21.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, Count Czernin, in a speech in the Austrian Upper House, declared that Austria had no direct friction with Britain. Austria was less unpopular, weaker, less dangerous and more moderate in her demands than Germany and fairly free from annexationist desires. Thus Austria was absolutely predestined for the role of mediator, but only provided she possessed the full confidence of Berlin. Count Czernin hoped that Germany's war aims would remain purely defensive. The mere presumption that the terrible war was being prolonged for foreign states' annexationist aims would endanger the Alliance.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

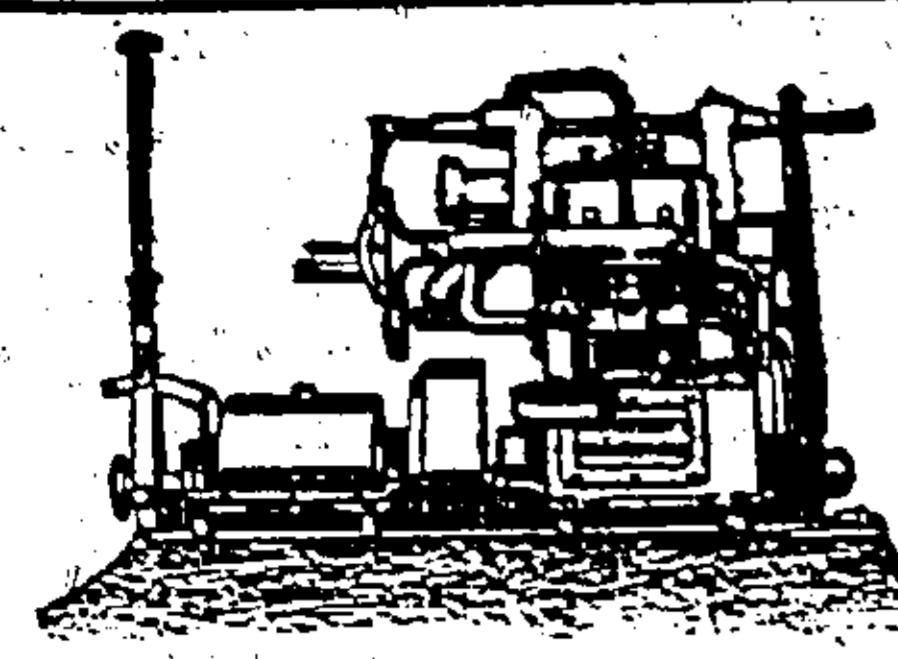
THE GERMAN REVERSE IN FRANCE.

Staggering Blows for the Enemy.

London, July 20.

A Havas message from Paris, dated the 19th, says: The Franco-American troops having in three days checked the German stupendous effort on the Marne and Champagne fronts, took the offensive and dealt the enemy a series of staggering blows between the Aisne and the Marne. Along a 26 mile front extending from west of Soissons to northwest of Chateau Thierry the Franco-American forces broke deeply into the enemy's powerfully organized lines at many points, the advance being several miles. The attacking forces reached the plateaux dominating Soissons from the south and west and re-caught more than twenty villages, several thousand prisoners and many guns. The attack was launched at daybreak, raged throughout the day and is still in progress. The enemy was taken quite by surprise. The attack was made practically without artillery preparation. General Mangin's famous troops, with the American forces, went forward with wonderful dash supported by tanks and protected by a heavy barrage. 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Submarine Commander's Heroism.

Warm appreciation of the heroism of Commander Francis H. S. Goodhart, D.S.O., who attempted to save the imprisoned crew of a submarine, was expressed by the King when he presented the Albert Medal in gold to Mrs. Goodhart. The submarine was stranded at a depth of 38ft., and Commander Goodhart attempted to carry a message to the surface. Compressed air was used to prevent the influx of water, and this dashed the commander against the structure, and he was killed. Another officer, however, was released and the crew were saved. A number of other decorations were presented by His Majesty.

Sir Geo. Bullough.

At London Sessions, John North, 33, was ordered nine months in the second division for obtaining by false pretences a ring value \$450 from Woolf Phillips, jeweller. It was stated that the prisoner was at one time wealthy, and in 1909 received \$8,000 from relatives. At Mr. Phillips' shop he chose a necklace, priced at \$2,530, and a ring value \$450. He wrote out a cheque for \$3,000, saying, "You can see I am Sir George Bullough." Asked if he would take away the articles, he replied, "You had better wait until the cheque is cleared, but I will take the ring as it is my wife's birthday to-morrow." The same evening he pledged the ring for \$350, and when arrested had only \$13 left, having spent the money on clothes and in entertaining friends at the Alhambra, the Ritz Hotel and Princess Restaurant. Two previous convictions were recorded. On the prisoner's behalf it was stated that he belonged to a noble family. On the day of his arrest he was to have been married. His life story was a lamentable one. When he was 21 he married a young lady who was on the stage, and was induced to settle his money on her. Their married life lasted six months. He had twice enlisted, had lost an eye in France, and been discharged as medically unfit.

London's Budget.

More than eight million pounds' worth of War Loan and War Bonds is held by the London County Council, and it is expected that the amount will be raised this year to ten millions. The Council is now paying about \$1,750,000 a year in war bonuses and war service allowances. These statements were made recently with the introduction of the Council's budget, which keeps the estimated rate at 1s. 6d. for purposes other than education and 1s. 9d. for education—the latter being no change in the net amount. Dr. Scott-Liddell argued that the financial policy of the Council in the recent year has been, wrongly, to leave in the ratepayers' pockets money they could well have spared, which might have been husbanded for the burdens that would arise. There had been a lack of courage and imagination. Mr. H. H. Gordon expressed disapproval of the Council's "masterly inactivity" during the war—when it might have taken advantage of the party truce to do great things.

"Many social problems," he declared, "have only been accentuated in their importance by the very quietence to which we have submitted ourselves." A rough estimate of the cost of repairing roads, now neglected, was \$1,000,000. Then there were street improvements and the housing problem. On a very low estimate, the latter would cost \$3,500,000.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Georges Ohnet Dead.
The Death is announced of M. Georges Ohnet the well-known novelist, at the age of 70. He was perhaps best known in England by the dramatic form of his novel, "Le Maître de Forges," which, under the title of "The Ironmaster," has been a favourite with many of our principal actors and actresses. In the French original it has also often been played here. As a novelist he held a position midway between the old school and the ultra-moderns. He started life as a journalist after the war of 1870 on the "Pays" and the "Constitutionnel." His principal novels formed part of a cycle entitled "Batailles de la Vie." The first to achieve great popularity was "Serge Panine" (1881), which was crowned by the Academy. "Le Maître de Forges" followed a year later. Among his other novels may be mentioned "La Conquérante" (1905), "La Grande Marnière" (1885), "Dernier Amour" (1891).

Curious Divorce Problem.
The Court of Appeal concluded the hearing of an appeal by Mrs. Ellis Holland from a judgment of Mr. Justice Hill in the Divorce Division rescinding a decree nisi which she had obtained for the dissolution of her marriage with Percy Holland. Mr. T. Cox Meech said in 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Holland separated, and since then the latter had lived with her mother and stepfather at a farm in Herefordshire. On June 8, 1916, Mrs. Holland obtained a decree nisi. On the same day—about half-an-hour after leaving the court—she gave birth to a child of which James Orgee, the son of her stepfather, was admittedly the father. The King's Proctor intervened, and Mr. Justice Hill rescinded the decree, remarking that nothing in the husband's conduct had excused Mrs. Holland's misconduct. Mr. Meech stated that James Orgee was willing to marry Mrs. Holland if the decree was made absolute, and urged in the interests of public morality that the discretion of the Court should be exercised in favour of the petitioner. Judgment was postponed.

Baronet Divorced.

In the Divorce Court yesterday Lady Dorothy Kennard obtained a decree nisi for the dissolution of her marriage on the ground of the desertion and misconduct of her husband, Sir Coleridge Arthur Fitzroy Kennard. There was no defence. The petitioner and respondent were married at Teheran, Persia, in April, 1911. At Christmas, 1914, while in England, petitioner said she noticed that her husband's manner towards her had changed. He appeared to have formed an attachment for another lady, an actress, with whom he stayed while on a motor tour in Devon and Cornwall in 1915. Then he left his wife and took two separate flats in Albemarle-street, London—one for himself and the other for the lady. Later he admitted misconduct, and wrote petitioner in July, 1915. The last 24 hours have brought things to the breaking point, and I cannot see you. In the past you read letters of mine . . . but I could not have guessed you were going to have me tracked, followed, and spied upon. It is later we should say good-bye and part now for good. I am of no use to you, and can never see you again. Blot me out of your life—forget me and forgive. Good-bye—Roy. Evidence was called, and a decree granted, with costs and custody of the children of the marriage.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Air Wreck Mystery.

An aeroplane flying at a great height over Hampshire was seen to break into five parts. In the main wreckage the pilot, Lieut. Lutgens, was found dead, but there was no trace of a civilian named Pinesent, who had been in the aeroplane with him, as observer. Twelve hundred soldiers were sent to help the police search the country roads, the Basingstoke Canal and all the ponds in the neighbourhood were dragged, but

there was no sign of Pinesent's body. At the inquest on Lieut. Lutgens, three days after the accident, the mystery was still unsolved.

A Famous Engraving.

At a sale at Sotheby's recently of Lady Lucas's engravings from the historical collection at Wrest Park the highest price realized was for a very fine impression of "Daughters of Sir Thomas Frankland," after T. Gaitsborough, by W. Ward. There was keen competition for this superb mezzotint, and it was ultimately secured by Mr. F. B. Daniell for £490.

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JAPAN AND SIBERIA.

It will be learned with much satisfaction by all having the interests of the Allies at heart that Japan has now decided to intervene in Siberia and that the necessary measures are being taken. Japan, of course, is not taking action on her own initiative, the probability being that what she is now about to do has been fully concurred in by the Allied Powers, most of whom for some time past have been strongly in favour of some sort of intervention by the Allied Powers with a view to putting a stop to further machinations on the part of Germany in Asiatic Russia. When it was pointed out some time ago that Germany was intriguing for the possession of the Trans-Siberian Railway "as far as Irkutsk" it was clear that the time had arrived for some kind of concerted action to be taken as the result of which Germany's ambitions in the Far East might be coped with before irreparable damage could be done. This course we, in common with other newspapers in the Far East, strongly advocated at the time and also suggested that Japan's geographical position clearly indicated that she among the Allies made it possible for her to deal most effectively with the situation. It was believed that Japan would be willing to undertake the mission if she were assured of the unanimous co-operation of her Allies. Japan, indeed, did not disguise her willingness so to act, and therefore it was with not a little astonishment it was learned that the United States had expressed itself as opposed to such a course. America's reasons for arriving at such a decision were not made public at the time and, so far as we know, have not yet been made known. Whatever they were does not appear to matter much now, as the heartiest co-operation of the Allies, the United States included, may now be taken for granted. From the United States Japan, it is very probable, will be able to obtain most assistance, at least so far as war material is concerned, as the stocks that were poured into Vladivostok at the time that Russia was still an active participant in the struggle can now be regained, and, as is well known, most of these stocks came across the Pacific from the United States.

What steps Japan is likely to take, now that it is definitely decided that action shall be taken, are not yet disclosed nor are they likely to be. We may rely upon it, however, that during the past few weeks, while the matter has been in abeyance, Japan has not been entirely inactive, and it is just possible that America's declared reluctance to the undertaking was made more for the purpose of giving Japan more time than she might otherwise have had at her disposal than for any other reason. Be that as it may, now that it has been definitely decided to intervene it is to be hoped that whatever action is to take place no time will be unnecessarily lost. German intrigue has been allowed to have sway in Asiatic Russia for far too long a time, making it all the more necessary that the Allies should now act expeditiously.

While there can be no doubt that Germany has obtained a strong hold upon Russia, and that further delay will but accentuate the difficulties, there is also good ground for believing that the Russians as a people are by no means reconciled to the present condition of affairs, and that they would welcome an opportunity of ousting the hated Germans, who has acted so perfidiously in the so-called peace negotiations both before and after what took place at Brest-Litovsk. Many recent telegrams have indeed pointed out that it is only the strong co-operation of the Allies that is needed for certain numerically powerful bodies in Russia to be "up and doing" actively against the invaders. As is so clear to-day as it was when the course was first advocated, the most effective way for the Allies to counteract against Germany in Russia is by way of Siberia, and in the Russians who populate that vast territory and who when the opportunity presented itself were among the first to declare independence, ready and willing helpers should be found at hand to assist in coping with Germany's schemes in Asiatic Russia, in Siberia as well in European Russia itself. This step, by which Japan will intervene, has been taken none too soon, as there in Siberia appears to be getting more unsettled than ever, and the time is now ripe for effective action to be taken.

Austria's Latest Move.

Austria has sent out many peace feelers during recent months, but none surely is more direct and significant than that just put forward by Count Czernin in the Austrian Upper House. He says quite frankly that Austria has no direct friction with Britain, that she is less unpopular, weaker, less dangerous and more moderate in her demands, while at the same time being "fairly free" of annexationist desire. That is holding out the olive branch with the vengeance, and though the advances made may lead to something more tangible we cannot suppose smile at the term "fairly free." It is true, of course, that Britain of herself does not come into very direct conflict with Austria, but the point that must not be lost sight of is that Britain is not waging this war purely in her own interests. She is one of a great group of freedom-loving nations pledged to see justice done to oppressed nations, and for that reason she cannot and will not stand by and see Austria or any other country indulge their annexationist proclivities, even partially. There are many peoples who have reason to regard Austria with suspicion, and however friendly disposed Austria may be towards the British, Britain may be counted upon never to go back on those whom she has sworn to help. Until Austria, therefore, can give guarantees of an adequate character we fear that her latest peace move will not prove of any great utility. Questions of great principles are involved, and to these we cannot be indifferent.

Tired of Germany.

But perhaps the greatest value of Count Czernin's statement is to be found in the fact that it provides further evidence of the growing estrangement between Austria and Germany. The Count expressed the hope that Germany's war aims will remain purely defensive. They never have been that, in point of fact, but, even had they been, it would seem that Count Czernin fears they might not remain so. He goes a point further when he observes that the mere presumption that the war is being prolonged for a foreign State's annexationist aims would endanger the Alliance. There can only be one meaning to talk of this character—namely, that Austria is seeking means for shaking off German overlordship. She is tired of the union with the Germans and anxiously desires to break out of the war. Germany's good faith is openly doubted. So Count Czernin turns to England and, in effect, suggests a separate peace. The situation is full of big possibilities, and though the Austrians have not yet conceded enough to warrant the opening of peace negotiations, the latest move is a step in the right direction and will most assuredly be viewed with chagrin in Berlin.

A Dastardly Deed.

The news of the shooting of the ex-Tsar is now so authenticated that there appears to be no doubt that the last of the Romanoffs has been murdered. He has fallen a victim to the revolutionaries of his unhappy country. Throughout the world the news will be received by all human beings with feelings of horror and regret, horror at the murder that has been committed and regret that one who was in no way personally responsible for any of the misfortunes that afflicted Russia has been done to death. In fact plenty of evidence could easily be deduced by which it could be proved that the ex-Tsar was probably the most enlightened of all the Tsars of his dynasty and that he cherished a sincere desire to further the true interests of his vast country as well as to help his fellow-countrymen. Political exigencies, no doubt, will be pleaded by the murderers of the unfortunate Tsar to account for their crime, which, however, throughout the world will be regarded as a dastardly and particularly cruel murder.

Tiernan Merchant's Will.
The late Richard Keith Douglass, of Messrs. Wilson & Co., Tiernan, who died at sea on the R.M.S. Empress of India, has left

DAY BY DAY.

MAN CAN SUCCEED IN BUSINESS ONLY AS THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF SOCIETY.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the capture of Gibraltar.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 4d.

A Deserving Fund.

A fund is being opened for the benefit of the widow and infant son of the late Sergeant Glendinning, by the Superintendents and Inspectors of the Hongkong Police Reserve. Lists will be sent to the various Clubs, and members of the general public are asked to avail themselves of these as far as possible. In other cases, donations may be sent to the Deputy Supt. or to Staff Inspector Arculli of the Police Reserve.

Concealed Opium.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe, an old woman was charged with being in unlawful possession of eight tsals of opium. Inspector Wilden said the woman was arrested in Connaught Road and when she was searched the drug was found concealed round her waist. Defendant said the opium was given to her to take to the country. A fine of \$250, or, in default, two months' hard labour, was passed.

Big Opium Haul.

Before Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese pleaded guilty to being in unlawful possession of 2254 tsals of opium, valued at \$2,880. Inspector Gordon said defendant was arrested on the Star Ferry Wharf the opium being found in his luggage. Defendant took the police to a house in Yau Ma Tei which was known to be concerned in opium deals. His Worship sentenced defendant to nine months' imprisonment without the option of a fine, and ordered the confiscation of the opium.

A Legal Point.

At the Police Court this morning, a Chinese woman was charged with being in unlawful possession of eighteen tsals of opium. The woman was represented by Mr. W. B. Hind who asked for a remand. He said the police searched his client's house on Monday night a few minutes after her husband had left. A legal question arose as to whether she was actually in possession at the time of arrest, and secondly whether she was acting under compulsion of her husband. It was a *prima facie* case of acting under compulsion. The case was remanded until to-morrow, and bail was fixed at \$2,000.

Victoria Theatre.

The attention of the public is directed to the announcement by the management of the Victoria Theatre of the first of a series of special Pathé films which is to be screened to-night and to-morrow night. These films will be of great merit and deep interest, and the first, "Runaway Romany," should prove an immense attraction. The production will be greatly enhanced by a special programme of music to be supplied by Lance Corporal Leo and the well-known quartette from the Middlesex Battalion. No increase in the ordinary prices is being made, and consequently there should be full houses to-night and to-morrow.

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THE TRIBUNAL.

Some of Yesterday's Cases.

THE CITIZENS' DUTY.

Mr. Bonar Law's Six Points.

On the consideration of the case of Mr. H. Hancock at the Tribunal yesterday, the Chairman said the Tribunal had read his papers and saw, as of course they knew before, that he was an exchange broker and that he was the sole partner in the firm of Messrs. A. and S. Hancock, and that this was the oldest firm of exchange brokers in the Colony, having been established here for more than fifty years. They also saw that the business had been in the hands of Mr. Hancock's family all that time. Mr. Hancock asked for absolute exemption and put it to the Tribunal, they understood, that the essential interests of the Colony required not only that there should be exchange brokers but required Mr. Hancock's personal presence.

Mr. Hancock:

I think so.

The Chairman:

You have been

carried on

in your firm for a

great many years?

—Since 1907.

And you have from time to time

been away, on vacation or from

illness?

—I have had fifteen

months at home in twenty years.

And how have you carried on

in case of absence or illness?

—In

1909 I went home and I handed

over to other firms here,

to Stewart and Co. and others.

They carried on for you?

—Well, in a way.

Would it be practicable in

Hongkong for exchange brokers,

those who must be here as over

age and unfit, to carry on their

business during the war in that

way—pooling it and preserving

the interests of the different firms?

—At the present moment, no.

At present there are two men over

forty.

One has been with us only

two years, quite lately, and he is

not in our line of business at all.

Another who is over age went

home sick only to-day.

There are not enough.

You put it to us that a certain

minimum number of exchange

brokers is necessary and that

you have reached that number?

—Yes, the competition from the

other side has increased.

And you put it to us that no

body but an experienced exchange

broker can do the work?

—Yes, I put it to you that way.

That it could not be done by a

man of ordinary commercial

training?

—No.

Well, Mr. Hancock, the Tribu-

nal has received a letter from the

Chief Manager of the Hongkong

Shanghai Bank to the effect that he and the Managers of the other

two British Banks, the Chartered

Bank and the Mercantile Bank,

all consider that your retention

here is essential in the interests

of the Colony's trade and that any

further reduction of the present

number of European exchange

brokers would be detrimental to

such interests. We gather,

I think, that you yourself put

the position in just the same

way?

Is there anything you want to add?

—No, nothing.

Major Morgan asked for non-

exemption.

After consideration the Chair-

man said that the Tribunal had

noticed that among the list of

unfit brokers, as no doubt Mr.

Hancock had noticed, Mr. Tester's

name appeared. Mr. Tester was

not an exchange broker.

The Tribunal decided that Mr.

Hancock be exempted.

Messrs. Bradley and

ACTION AGAINST A COMPRADORE.

Messrs. Mow Fung and Co. Obtain Heavy Judgment.

A case involving a large sum of money was heard before the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court this morning, when Messrs. Mow Fung and Co., of 10, Des Voeux Road Central, merchants, sued Tang Hoog, alias Tang Shiu-hong, of 103, Wan Chai Road, the Company's late compradore. The plaintiff's claim was to have an account taken of what was due to them under an equitable charge, dated July 4, 1914, whereby the defendant charged certain land for the payment to the plaintiff under a compradore's agreement of any losses incurred in the business; and the plaintiff also claimed that the equitable mortgage might be enforced by foreclosure and sale.

Mr. O. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., (instructed by Mr. Haywood) appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant was neither present nor represented.

Mr. Nisbet, Registrar, first proved that notice of trial had been served on the defendant and it was also stated that defendant, although he had appeared once in Chambers in March last, had not answered any letters or taken any steps to defend the action.

Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, senior partner in the firm, went into the witness box, and from his evidence it appeared that on June 5, 1914, the defendant was engaged as compradore to the firm, a usual compradore's agreement being entered into. As a security, an equitable charge was entered into on July 4, of the same year, on four properties belonging to the compradore, that charge being limited to \$20,000. Several mortgages were placed on the properties, but they were all paid off, with the exception of one for \$7,000, this money being paid to the plaintiff. That mortgage was in front of the plaintiff's equitable charge. The defendant continued as compradore until January 13, 1917, when he was dismissed, owing to unsatisfactory circumstances. At that time he was liable to the firm for \$36,711.02 on various transactions, and an account of this, together with full particulars, was handed to him. He did not sign it, but verbally agreed that it was correct. He asked to be let off a certain amount of the liability and the firm agreed to do so if a prompt settlement were made. As a matter of fact, nothing had been paid. The \$7,000 mortgage money, which the plaintiff had received, to be deducted from the original sum, leaving \$29,711.29 owing.

Mr. Alabaster said that what the firm was asking for was judgment for that sum, the enforced foreclosure of the mortgage and sale of the property, and costs of the action. They were only entitled to \$20,000 under the compradore's agreement, and out of that they would have to pay the mortgage. There would be a loss unless the defendant came forward with other money.

His Lordship made the orders asked for, together with costs.

Military Property.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. E.D.O. Wolfe, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a large quantity of zinc from military block houses near Devil's Peak. Both defendants denied the theft. A corporal in the R.G.A. identified the zinc as having come off the roof of a military blockhouse. There had been many thefts from these block-houses. The first defendant was sent to gaol for three months and the second was discharged.

The Colony's Health.

For the week ended July 20 there were notified nine cases of plague (eight fatal), eight of enteric (seven fatal), eight of spotted fever (six fatal), two fatal occurrences of diphtheria and one fatal case of relapsing fever. All were Chinese sufferers save one British case of enteric. During Sunday and Monday there were notified five cases of plague (three fatal), one fatal case of enteric and one non-fatal occurrence of spotted fever, all being Chinese.

FROM THE PULPIT.

Fair Sharing.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday morning.—

"That there may be equality." —2 Cor. 8/14.

Equality is a fine ideal if you take it rightly; wrongly construed it may be the wildest will o' the wisp. It is one of the "glittering generalities of natural right" which Rufus Choate criticised in the American Declaration of Independence, and nothing is easier than to do that if one reads into the affirmation that "all men are created equal" what no sane man ever meant. The doctrine of the Declaration is that all men have an innate right to political self-determination, which implies also a fair chance to make the best of themselves.

These are the essential principles of modern Democracy, and the effort to apply them in the history of Democracy, which, rightly construed, is an effort after fairness. People who themselves are well suited by the exciting order of things are apt to harp on the obvious inequalities displayed by nature and Providence in the varying lot of men, as if anyone could be blind to them.

Equality, it is said, is the merest dream and a manifest impossibility, which is quite true if one drives the doctrine to absurd and literal extremes. Absolute equality works out as absolute uniformity, and to get it would require an impossible and undesirable world where all distinctions were abolished. First to disappear would be the distinction of sex, which has been and is the source of many injustices. We should then have a world of neuters, like a hive of bees after the drones have been killed, and of course the queen destroyed.

It would be the last hive, but what of that if everything is to be sacrificed to a logical idea? But nobody really wants a world whose inhabitants are just "that there may be equality," only duplicates of a pattern, the equality of a box of tin-soldiers. Yet if we are to have variety it is hard to see how to avoid unevennesses, and where there is unevenness, somebody's shoe is bound to be pinched.

And the world would stand still should we all sit down and sink because somebody else's shoe pinches less than our own.

But that is only distorting the truth into an absurdity, whereas truth itself remains, and it is undoubtedly the Christian ideal that there should be equality, fairness, in the world, in a broad and feasible sense. The Christian ideal for this reason conflicts with many arrangements and usages current in this world, and Christian citizens are not about their business if they fail to use all their influence against unnecessary injustices, and for the distribution of the privileges of life as evenly as can be made possible. The bottom affirmation of the gospel is that the Incarnate Son of God tasted death for every man, and from that it follows that beneath the widest divergences of circumstance and even of personality lies a common manhood which is a bigger thing than the whole of them.

It is that essential humanity which Christ claims, claims and appeals to. Nothing can override or get rid of that inalienable equality in the long run, and on it is based the right of every human to something as near a "fair chance" as can be managed in an imperfect world.

Life is full of inequalities of every sort and kind, and the devil is always appealing to our individual, or class, or racial selfishness to have them perpetuated, extended, transformed, in our own favour. But Christ speaks to the conscience and to our human sympathies, and asks if the weak brother for whom He died is to go on suffering, to lie wounded by the way, to struggle through life over-tried, underpaid, under-educated, with no fair chance to

do his best and be his best. The man who thinks there is any but one answer to that question is unworthy of his humanity, and an enemy of the Cross of Christ. It is no Christian ideal to produce a world in which either five talents or two or one measured out to each individual with precise evenness.

But it is only justice to aim at providing each with a fair opportunity to invest whatever capital he may be entrusted with. Or, to take St Paul's figure, you cannot have a body which is all head, but what you can have is one in which food, head, eyes and ear each fulfil their functions to their best, and none either envies

or despises another.

2. Pass now from equality of opportunity to its correlative equality of responsibility, which indeed is the direct point of the text. Human nature, I am afraid, is not too keen about shouldering a fair share of the burden as getting a fair share of the privileges, yet the one surely follows from the other. St. Paul is writing here, as it happens, about charitable contributions. He treats that ticklish subject with his usual courtesy and sanity, and at this point he says, "I do not want you to be unfairly burdened, but only to take your equal share, others doing the same when their turn comes." The appeal is always to conscience, not conscience reluctant and grudging, driven with a whip and stung by a sense of shame, but enlightened and willing, constrained by the love of Christ, and saying always as the last word, "Thanks be to God for His gift, the unspeakable one."

I am pleading for no cause this morning, and I will do this congregation this justice of saying that you do not need to have your nerves titillated by appeal before opening your purses for God's work.

Neither do you publish subscription lists, but leave it to our individual honour to do our share, and I congratulate the congregation which can do that and does it.

That method is right when practicable because it recognises that equality of sacrifice does not mean identity of contributions. It is not what one gives but what one has left which is the measure of self-denial. For that reason a great deal of even generous giving is not sacrificial at all, because abundance remains for all reasonable wants. Even in finance equality of sacrifice is an ideal to keep in view rather than a level which is possible of attainment, things being as they are. The well-to-do will be the first to admit, if they reflect, that the poor are the more generous givers because their giving costs more, though the amount be less.

The same holds good in fields outside finance. At the present time the common burdens of every kind are extreme, the utmost efforts of our own and other countries being needed to avert the moral, and indeed material ruin of our civilization.

An approximate equality of sacrifice ought to be aimed at, though it is scarcely possible situated as we are here to come anywhere near it.

"The trencher"—that one word is enough to make the almost any of us do seem small. It is impossible for us to imagine even a little of what is being done and endured at the battle front and close behind it. Not that we pity the men who are there. We do not pity them, we salute them. To them is given to-day the greatest thing which God and humanity have called on men to do for generations, and if we are to speak of sacrifice there is no scale to measure their share and ours on the same beam.

I do not know what I could do, even to giving up the whole of my small kingdom, which would put me on a level, in my own estimation at any rate, with the man who actually faces the fight in his own person, and puts life and limb and health in daily peril of the awful kinds this war creates. It will be the same all the rest of our lives. When all is over there will remain two classes of us, the men who went to the war and those who did not.

The reasons for going may be adequate—health, age, certificate of indispensability. But the fact will remain, and I know which side of it I should like to be on, and unfortunately

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AN EXTRADITION CASE.

Application for the Release
of a Chinese.

Before the Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court this morning, an application was made on behalf of a Chinese named Lo Seung, now detained in Victoria Gaol, for an order that a writ of habeas corpus be issued directing the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol to show cause why this person should not be discharged from prison.

The demand has been that men should have it decided for them whether they are fit and can be spared, and the object is to secure that all do their proper share according to ability. Unexceptionable principles these, and if they are followed by taxation which will make those of us pay who cannot go to fight we shall come nearer equality of sacrifice than I fear we are thinking about.

Our Tribunal is in session, and producing the inevitable crop of hard cases, which, under our very defective Ordinance, passed rather in a hurry, the Tribunal has too little power to alleviate. Hardships are bound to arise under conscription, but at least let them be recognized. The small institution and the solitary trader are being hard hit, and few kind things seem to be said to them.

Compliments are passed on large firms which have "sent" employees to the war—though by the way some had to throw up their positions and go on their own account.

But the small man, unrepresented, and with the scale pretty heavily tilted against him, has far more at stake personally than the more important man in the largest firm in the Colony.

No good situation is being kept open for him if he returns.

His business, into which he has put his capital and his

personality, is practically handed over to his trade rivals, without compensation.

He is nearer the position of the woman who casts her all into the treasury than most of us care to come or are likely to. When we who remain where we are, congratulate ourselves in the future on the number of men our patriotic Colony has sent to the war I trust

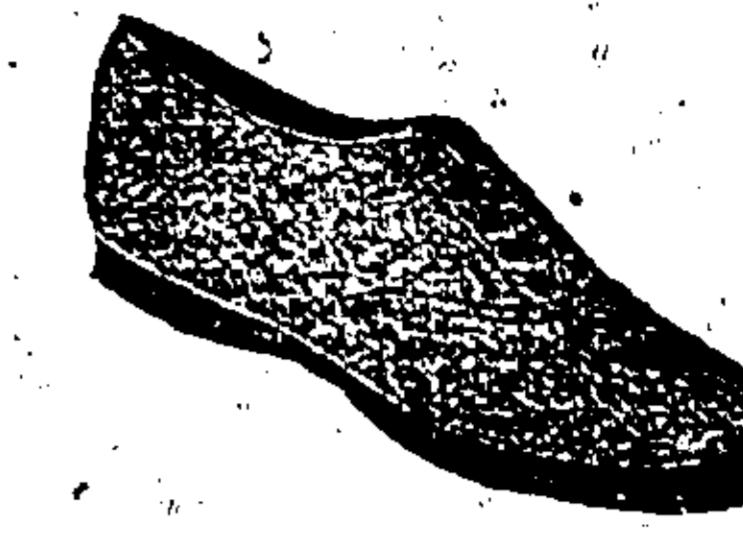
it will not be forgotten that we, who do the congratulating, did not ourselves go. Could not go?

Doubtless, in many cases, though not all, but anyway, it is the sacrifice required of others which is to bring credit to the place, and I think for one that the less we hear on that line the better.

If there is to be equality or anything like it we must follow the requirement made of others by making more serious demands upon ourselves. When the conscription has run its course we shall not be able to settle down comfortably in the idea that Hongkong has now done its duty and its remaining citizens will be able to look one another in the face.

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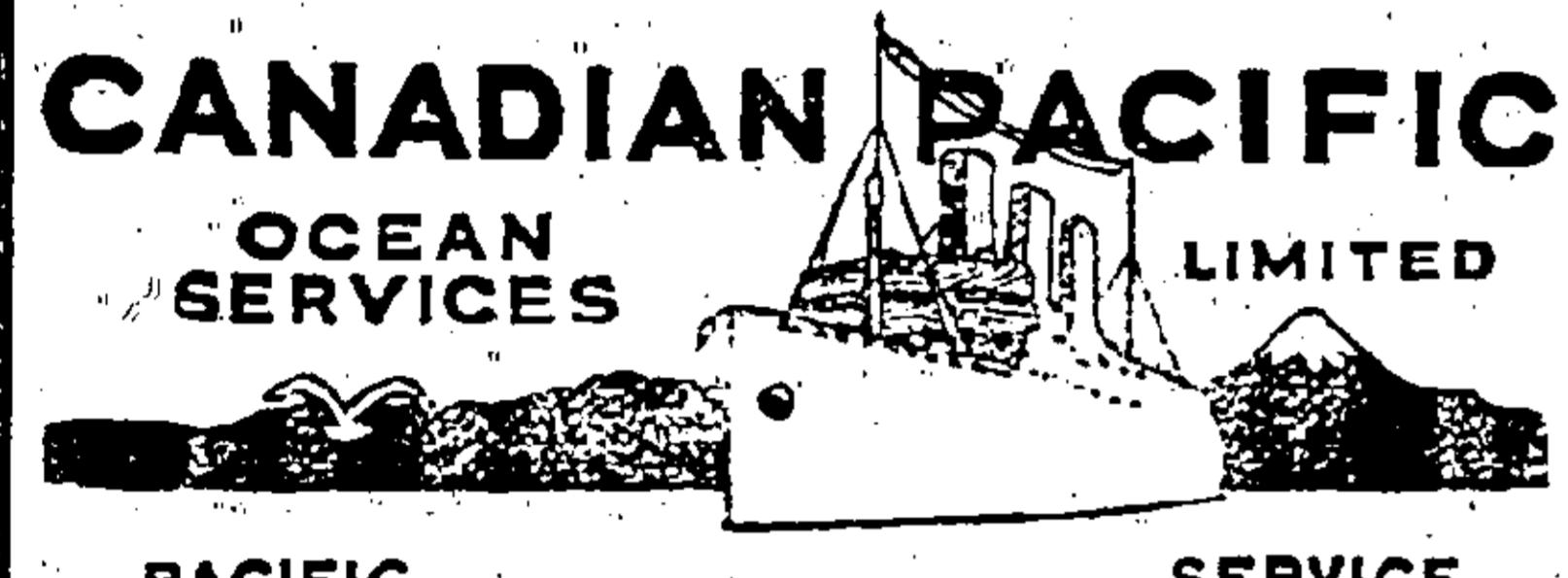
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sorted out mark by mark and de-
livery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried
on unless instructions are given
to the contrary before NOON
TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 28th
July, 1918, will be subject
to rent.

Damaged packages must be left
in the Godowns for examination
by the Consignee's and the Co's
representatives at an appointed
hour on TUESDAY & FRIDAY. All
claims must be presented
within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date
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Hongkong, July 12, 1918.

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Hongkong, July 18, 1918.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

AUSTRIAN NEWSPAPER RENOUNCES SUBSIDY.

Amsterdam, July 21.
The "Cologne Gazette's" Vienna correspondent says:

The semi-official "Freudenblatt" has renounced the Foreign Office subsidy in order to retain a free hand towards the Austrian Government.

The Foreign Office had complained of the paper's attitude and demanded that it be at least neutral.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS

A Concession to Germany

Amsterdam, July 21.

The "Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung's" correspondent says: The Soviet Government, while refusing to agree to a German battalion being sent to Moscow to protect the Embassy, has consented to the employment of several hundred German soldiers in mutiny.

BIRK CAPTURED

Amsterdam, July 21.

A message from Moscow received in Berlin states that the Czechs have captured Birk and the Soviet troops are withdrawing.

Allied Officers Under Observation

London, July 21.

In connection with the Murman landing M. Trotzky has ordered the Soviet soldiers not to support the French and British officers, and not to permit them to go from one town to another and to watch them carefully as conspirators against the Russian people.

THE SHOOTING OF THE EX-TSAR.

London, July 21.

A Russian official message states: The Central Executive Committee approved of the shooting of Romanoff and his wife and son were sent to a place of security. Important documents concerning Romanoff, including diaries he kept till the last, the diaries of his wife and children, letters by Rasputin to Romanoff and his family will be published shortly.

FIGHT BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMAN AEROPLANES.

Copenhagen, July 21.

Three British aeroplanes returning from Tondern were fired on by German warships and chased by German aeroplanes. The fight ended on the Danish border. The three British aeroplanes landed at various points in Denmark and will be interned at Sasi. The bomb dropping exploded a great ammunition dump near Tondern.

NAVAL ACTIVITY.

Copenhagen, July 21.

Both British and German warships were seen all day off the west coast of Jutland. The British warships fired at German aeroplanes one of which fell in the sea.

AMERICAN CRUISER SUNK.

London, July 21.

America has announced the sinking of a cruiser without loss of life.

Later.

New York, July 21.
It was an armoured cruiser that was sunk. The cause is unknown. Three hundred and thirty-five of the crew are known to have landed. The Navy Department reports that 1,156 others are aboard two steamers proceeding to an unnamed destination, all well.

SPANISH MINISTER RESIGNS.

Madrid, July 21.

The Minister of Marine has resigned.

A MILLIONAIRE BURGLAR.

It is stated that Mr. Moroto, whose wealth is inherited from his father (who began life as a ragman and died a millionaire), and was an intimate friend of Marquis Okuma, has been generally unpopular in the district owing to his arrogant conduct generally. He was released on bail by the Procurator's Office, and immediately went to Tokyo in the hope of being able to get his political friends to use their influence in his favour, but without success. He then tried to obtain a passport for a trip abroad, but his application was rejected. In the meantime the Procurators continued their investigations, and on the 28th ultimo both Mr. Moroto and his servants were placed under arrest on a charge of house-breaking, and sent to prison pending examination by the Preliminary Court.—Ex.

Kobe, July 4.—A well-known multi-millionaire living at Kawana, Ise province, is reported to have been arrested and sent to prison to await trial on a charge of house-breaking. It appears that is May last Mr. Kawadzu Sukeeburo, a wealthy man living at Hioiki-cho, Nagoya, rented a villa at Tomidashima, a seaside resort near Yokkaichi, for the benefit of his son, who was suffering from consumption, and on the 21st of that month the invalid was taken thither from Nagoya. Behind the house he occupied is the villa of Mr. Moroto Seita, a well-known multi-millionaire, who was greatly annoyed at the arrival of a conscript in the neighbourhood. On the very day on which the invalid arrived Mr. Moroto bought the villa to which the young man had been taken, and demanded that the house be immediately vacated. Mr. Kawadzu, however, had paid rent for six months in advance, and naturally refused the demand.

At midnight Mr. Moroto, who is quite a young man, accompanied by four of his servants, it is alleged, made a raid upon the house, destroying the fences and sluttish. Whether or not owing to the intense excitement caused by this incident, the condition of the invalid became rapidly worse, and he died a few days later.

Information being given to the police of the midnight raid, Mr. Moroto and his servants were immediately taken to the police station, and were subsequently handed to the procurator.

Left £466,000 But No Will.

The estate of Mr. J. H. Thackeray, owner of Oldham, has been sworn at £466,200, with net personality £452,701. He died without making a will. His wife predeceased him.

Church Must Stand for Equality.

That he had never felt so

ashamed of the Church as when

he thought of its attitude in the

past towards Labour, was one of

the statements by the Bishop of

London in a sermon at Isleworth.

The Church must stand for

equality—the same life and op-

portunities for the able child as

for the dullest, and there must

be equality of opportunity for

each one. In conclusion aman-

aged man said, come with the new

Education Bill, which it should

support to the utmost.

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Shanghai	Wosang	J. M. Co.	28, July
Saigon	Tjanpanes	J.C.J. L.	29, July
	Haihong	D. L. Co.	30, July
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CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

NAVAL CO-OPERATION.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—Kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper to let people know how surprised I was when I read in your Saturday's issue a Havas message giving a statement by M. Leygue, French Minister of Marine. That statement is true regarding the British squadrons holding the German fleet prisoner in the North Sea, but I am sure the Onorevole Ministro della Marina, M. Leygue, doesn't state the whole truth when he mentions only the French Navy with the help of American and Japanese naval forces barring the Otranto Channel and guarding also the eastern Mediterranean.

Where is the Otranto Channel? In Italy. I dare say everybody knows that. Then where is the Italian Navy? Since Italy has entered this war what has her Navy done? According to the French Minister, nothing, and therefore it doesn't count. I should say the Onorevole Ministro della Marina Francesc ought to have stated:—"The Italian Navy, with the help of the British, French, Japanese and American naval forces, are barring the Otranto Channel and keeping the Austrian Fleet prisoner in the Adriatic, etc., etc."

Trusting, Sir, you will see there must be a mistake somewhere, and thanking you very much for your courtesy.

Yours etc.

"UN ITALIANO."

Canton, July 22, 1918.
[The message was published by us precisely as it came through by cable.—Ed. H.K.T.]

WHAT OF HONGKONG?
Sir,—I would ask you if you do not think it would be a wise policy for the Hongkong Government to send a proper representative to America to endeavour to secure an order for shipbuilding? Would it not be a blessing for the Colony during these quiet times if an order could be secured for 50,000 or 75,000 tons? China and Japan have each been given a large order; why not Hongkong?

Why don't the newspapers wake up and exert their influence?

Yours etc.

PROGRESSIVE.

[Since the war we have on many occasions emphasised Hongkong's facilities for the building of ships, and recent comments of ours on the subject were reprinted in extenso in the leading shipping journal of the United Kingdom. The suggestion that Hongkong should send an official representative to America appears to us a thoroughly sound one.—Ed. H.A.T.]

A MOTORING INCIDENT.
Sir,—Regarding the motor accident at North Point, I must contradict the statements made by "Motorist," which I state are not true. They were no less than five witnesses who saw the accident, and if it should be necessary they can be brought forward. There was no "tooter" sounded, and had the child been killed it would have been a case of manslaughter. Thanking you if you will print this in your valuable paper.

Yours etc.

A WITNESS.
Hongkong, July 23, 1918.

Sir,—Regarding the motor accident at North Point I hereby contradict the statements made by "Motorist." I happened to be there as one of the witnesses. There was no horn sounded and I take it that if the child had been killed it would have been purely a case of manslaughter.

This is being written in justice to the public, and to prove that "Motorist" was not telling the truth.

Thanking you for this insertion.

Yours etc.

ONE OF THE WITNESSES.
Correspondence on this subject.—Ed. H.K.T.]

A STRIKING BOOK.

"Present-Day Impressions of the Far East."

There has just been published by the Globe Encyclopaedia Company what is probably the finest and most beautifully-produced book on the Far East hitherto issued. We refer to "Present-Day Impressions of the Far East," which has long been in preparation and now sees the light of day. Those who have seen it unanimously agree that it is a real work of art, while at the same time being a mine of information concerning the places covered—China, Hongkong, Indo-China, Malaya and the Netherlands Indies. Other parts of the Far East are, we understand, to be dealt with in separate works later. The striking features of this new publication are the clearness of the type, the art paper used in its production, the luxurious morocco binding, the beautiful full-page coloured plates (many of deep historic interest), the dainty tinting of the innumerable illustrations and the very happy arrangement of the reading matter. In this latter respect a most admirable plan has been hit upon, for there is no labourious recital of statistical details such as is common to books of a similar type—the articles and the facts are judiciously marshalled and relieved by really artistic pictures, so that the publication is full of interest from cover to cover. A complete account is given of all the countries dealt with, and there are topical articles by expert contributors dealing with all aspects of life. Especially valuable should the book be to business men, as it deals in a most copious manner with commercial possibilities in the East and gives a wealth of information in this regard. The heavy work involved in the production of the book has largely fallen on Mr. W. B. Morton Cameron, who, together with the publishers, is to be highly complimented on such a magnificent publication.

CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes as follows:—

Shum Chun-hsun, along with his two secretaries and one M.P., left early on the morning of the 22nd for Kwangsi to see Luk Wing-ting. He will return in about ten days.

The Military Situation.

An official report from Husan says that the Canton troops, after the expiration of the armistice, have recaptured Yuen-han, and another report from the northern front states that the Northern troops have retired to Muikwan.

Naval Movements.

In reply to an investigation on the movements of the northern squadron ordered by the Authority, Chan King-ming, the commander in the east, has reported that the cruiser Hoi Yung has not returned from Vladivostok, and the cruisers Yun Hoi, Fook Po, and Cheu We are anchored off Ching-tao for defence purposes, while the Ying Sui and Shih Wo, along with four torpedo boats, show no sign of coming to Fukien. At present there are only three gun-boats in Foochow harbour and as their fighting power is very small they will not come to attack Canton.

Japanese Socialists.

Tang Shao-yi, during his visit to Japan, has made friends of a number of Socialists and is now introducing two of their leaders to Canton to cultivate friendship between the citizens of the two countries. The Authority has been requested by wire to give them a cordial reception when they arrive.

Bank Notes Decline.

As the payment of the purchase price for the gunboat Kwong Hoi has again and again been deferred, the redemption of the Bank of China's notes cannot be commenced, and the rates have dropped from 7 per cent. to 18 per cent. discount.

Death Enquiry.

An enquiry into the death of the late Sergt. Glendinning is to take place on Friday afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

BELLCHERS STREET FIRE.

Enquiry Resumed This Afternoon.

The enquiry that Mr. J. R. Wood is holding into the cause of the disastrous fire which took place last week at Bellchers' Street, was continued at the Magistracy this afternoon.

Evidence was given by Mr. H. A. Lammert, who spoke to making an examination of the premises after the fire. The godowns all appeared to have been well-stocked with oil. The fire must have been very fierce. He found out that the insurance on the premises and goods was \$69,000 and he was satisfied that the godowns held considerably more than that value of oil, that was if all the time were full.

Questioned by Mr. Lewis, appearing for the Insurance Company, Mr. Lammert said that with regard to the water supply he had heard that the four or five inch main there was very insufficient as the godowns were very large, and having regard to the nature of the goods stored. A quantity of the oil was salved, about 3,000 tons. The value of that, if sound, would be about \$20,000.

By Mr. Davidson, appearing for the owners, he was not able to form any opinion as the cause of the fire.

Further evidence was given by the accountant of the firm relative to the books being sent to the Insurance Company.

The godown keeper, who reported the fire to the owners, gave evidence.

After other evidence was given the enquiry was adjourned.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, C.B.E., state:—

Search Supervisors.

Search Supervising duties are suspended until further orders. Search Supervisors will be at once warned to report for duty at Central, both shifts. On this duty caps without covers (and not helmets) will be worn.

Strength.

P.C. 640 Osborne is invalided out.

TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending 20th July, 1918:—

Receipts	Aggregate
for week.	29 weeks.
This Year: ...	\$15,904 394,174
Last Year: ...	13,355 388,496
Increase: ...	2,549 5,678
Decrease: ...	

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 11 p.m. yesterday:—

Cyclone or typhoon E. of Formosa, moving north.

Cyclone or typhoon W. of the northern Ladrones or Marianas Islands, inclining northward.

The S.S. Nanking.

The local office of the China Mail S.S. Co., is in receipt of a cable from Yokohama to the effect that the S.S. Nanking left the port on the morning of the 22nd inst. and will be due here on or about the 29th instant.

"The New East."

In celebration of the first anniversary of "The New East," a monthly Review published in English and Japanese at Tokyo, Mr. J. W. Robertson Scott, the proprietor and editor, has issued a miniature edition of the anniversary number (June) of his Review. No doubt the miniature edition will be circulated broadcast and serve as a reminder of the importance of the Review which now appears to have established itself—and most deservedly—as one of the very best publications of its kind in the Far East. All interested in Japan should read "The New East," which month by month is full of interesting and varied articles.

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IN THE BACKGROUND.

TO-MORROW'S TRIBUNAL.

The Repairs of Material.

Major C.J.C. Street, (Author of "The Making of a Gunner" etc.) writes as follows:—

The development of the aeroplane has introduced into war a new weapon, that has certain characteristics not usually associated with warlike stores.

In designing contrivances for use on active service, the practice hitherto has been to build them primarily for strength and hard usage. In the case of the aeroplane, this is impossible; strength must be attained, but lightness is essential. Consequently, aeroplanes are the most striking example of material that deteriorates under war conditions, and the extent of this deterioration, and of the organisation necessary to make it good, is far greater than many people realise.

An aeroplane, unlike a ship in the water, depends upon its engine power to keep it afloat in the air. The greater part of the horse-power of the engine is employed in raising the machine itself in the air, and in maintaining it when there, leaving a balance only for raising useful weight and for propelling it through the air. Consequently, the lighter the machine, the greater the margin of power left for attaining speed or for conveying men, bombs, guns, ammunition, petrol, and so forth.

It is therefore impossible to build an aeroplane of steel and fit it with an engine such as would be capable of rough work in a tractor. The wings and body of the machine are made of the lightest materials available, the engine is designed primarily to give great power for a given weight. This means that the whole machine is comparatively dimly, the wings and body are very susceptible to damage from a variety of causes, the engine is a most delicate piece of machinery, requiring very great care in its upkeep. The life of the machine in the air is a matter of a few hours only, after which it must be repaired, overhauled, and many of its parts replaced, before it is fit to begin another period of service.

The aeroplane has yet another dissimilarity to most weapons of war. A slight defect in a gun, for instance, hardly matters. It can be repaired on the spot, and at the worst the gun is out of action for a short time. A defect that develops in an aeroplane while flying may mean the sacrifice of the pilot's life. Putting it on the lowest basis, no nation can afford this. Its manufacturing capabilities may be such that aeroplanes can be turned out in unlimited numbers, the loss of one machine more or less may be inappreciable. But the training of a pilot is a long and expensive business, when trained, he is a valuable asset, far more so than the machine he flies, however elaborate it may be.

It follows, therefore, that before a nation can maintain a large fleet of aeroplanes in the air, it must first of all provide the organization necessary to maintain the strength of this fleet. Apart from the primary sources of supply of machines and pilots, and of aerodromes where these may be tested and trained respectively, a huge system of shops for the repair and overhaul of the machines already in service must be established. An aeroplane suffers the additional disadvantage of being very cumbersome to transport. A machine weighing about a ton will occupy many tons of shipping space when packed. It therefore follows that repair shops must be set up as close as possible to the bases of operation of the machines.

It cannot be too widely realised that for every machine in the air, there must be literally hundreds of men on the ground, engaged in new production, repairs, and testing. Behind the big fleet of aeroplanes must be the great organisations without which they cannot operate, without which they would cease to exist as a practical force within a period of a few weeks.

Although aeroplanes have been taken as the outstanding example, the same applies in a greater or less degree every sort of war material. In the background there must be a huge force engaged in keeping the material up to fighting standard, and this force requires tools, accommodation, and material, all of which must be conveyed to the scene of their labour. It is not too much to say that a modern war is won or lost in the stores and workshops in rear, than in the more spectacular region of the firing line.

The British have several of these repair shops in full operation, and they are kept amply supplied with work. The main portion of these establishments consists of shops where the machines for repair can be dismantled, and the various parts sent out to the departments that deal with them. Each department is equipped for a definite class of work. There are wood-working shops, dealing with repairs to struts of the framework of the body, cabinet makers whose business it is to repair propellers,

BRITISH AEROPLANE INDUSTRY.

Some Facts Concerning its Growth.

Great Britain may perhaps be said to have been somewhat better off at the beginning of war in the matter of the nucleus of an aeroplane industry of magnitude than in that of the native aero engine, though the latter was fortunate in having at its back the wonderful adaptability and driving force of the great high grade British motor car engine factories, which have proved themselves capable of such wonders. But it must be written down in the main as embryonic, and for much the same reason as the engine side of the industry that pilots who were then mainly out to win races and give public exhibitions, preferred to use (and thereby to advertise) proven types, such as the Blériot, the Morane-Saulnier, the Nieuport, the Deperdussin and so forth. Private construction, too, had not been by any means liberally fed and financed by sufficient Government orders; the great bulk of such little public money as was spent went to finance and to develop the Royal Aircraft Factory and its designs.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the first charge and on the second charge admitted having asked for certain subscriptions but not in the name of War Charities. He went on to say that some of his "clubs" in the Middlesex Regiment were about to leave and suggested that he should organise a sports association. He called at complainant's home asking him if he could give some prizes to the newly established association and on this occasion complainant told him to defer his visit and come the next evening, which he did. After being tired of waiting he resolved to leave the house and accosted complainant accompanied by a European Sergeant. He was arrested and in the charge-room he witnessed complainant write down certain things and later he was asked by the Sergeant to make his statement which he declined to do. He reserved his statement so that he could speak before the public at the court. Defendant added that he had volunteered and was leaving for Bombay shortly, after which he expected to serve at the front for the Allies.

Inspector Gerrard said defendant asked for a subscription but did not definitely state the amount. On the question of bail he wished to suggest \$200.

His Worship adjourned the case until Friday, bail being fixed at \$200.

furniture, pianos, organs and such kindred businesses together with many still more unexpected ones, has given way on all sides to the building of aeroplanes or parts of the plane, standardised to the minutest decimal point. Only the other day a firm of game and animal food manufacturers actually ceased manufacture in favour of aeroplanes; and countless new factories, large and small, have sprung up all over the country.

The wood-workers of a famous country district have been completely reorganised and abandoned the special work for which they are a household word all over Britain, in order to concentrate upon planes. French polishers have been organised to apply "dope" to the wings of the machines; and women in tens of thousands are busy gluing and shaping the struts, in addition to working automatic machines, and sewing all day long at the fabric of the wings. The question of spare parts plays as important a role in the efficiency of the plane as in the engine; and many of the factories, probably the vast majority of them, specialize upon certain unimportant looking bits of wood or metal and never see the aeroplane itself.

There are such factories everywhere throughout the country, labouring at high speed on minor tasks of deadly monotony; the key note of the whole of this huge war development is accuracy. The least unconscientiousness or slovenliness may wreck the whole machine in flight and cost two or more men their lives; the wonderful reliability of the British aeroplane and the small percentage of preventable accidents amongst the many, many thousands now being turned out in a year by this far-reaching organisation reflects the greatest credit upon each human cog in the vast machine of victory.

And each month the great output of planes goes on increasing and increasing automatically, as the machines gain smoothness and gather impetus as it runs on in the now well-established way.—By George Bias.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

Serious Charges Against a Lad.

A young lad named Noel Baker Dyer, alias Mahomed, was charged before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe this morning, with unlawfully obtaining the sum of \$2 from the Ohing Wo Tai Manufacturing Company, Yunnan, between February, 1917, and March, 1918, by false pretences, purporting that the amount would be invested in a certain society or club. He was also charged with unlawfully attempting to obtain from a well-known Chinese living in Yunnan a sum of money purporting the same to be for War Charity subscriptions.

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N/T Shanghai	Nom.
N/T Singapore	143
N/T Japan	1483
N/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
N/T San Francisco	791/4
co & New York	
N/T Java	1513/4
N/T Marks	Nom.
N/T France	4.53
Demand, Paris	4.53 1/2
BUYING.	
4 m/s. L/C	3.51/4
4 m/s. D/P	3/51/4
6 m/s. L/C	3/51/4
30 d/s. Sydney &	3/51/4
Melbourne	801/4
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6 m/s. France	4.73
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N/T Calcutta	Nom.
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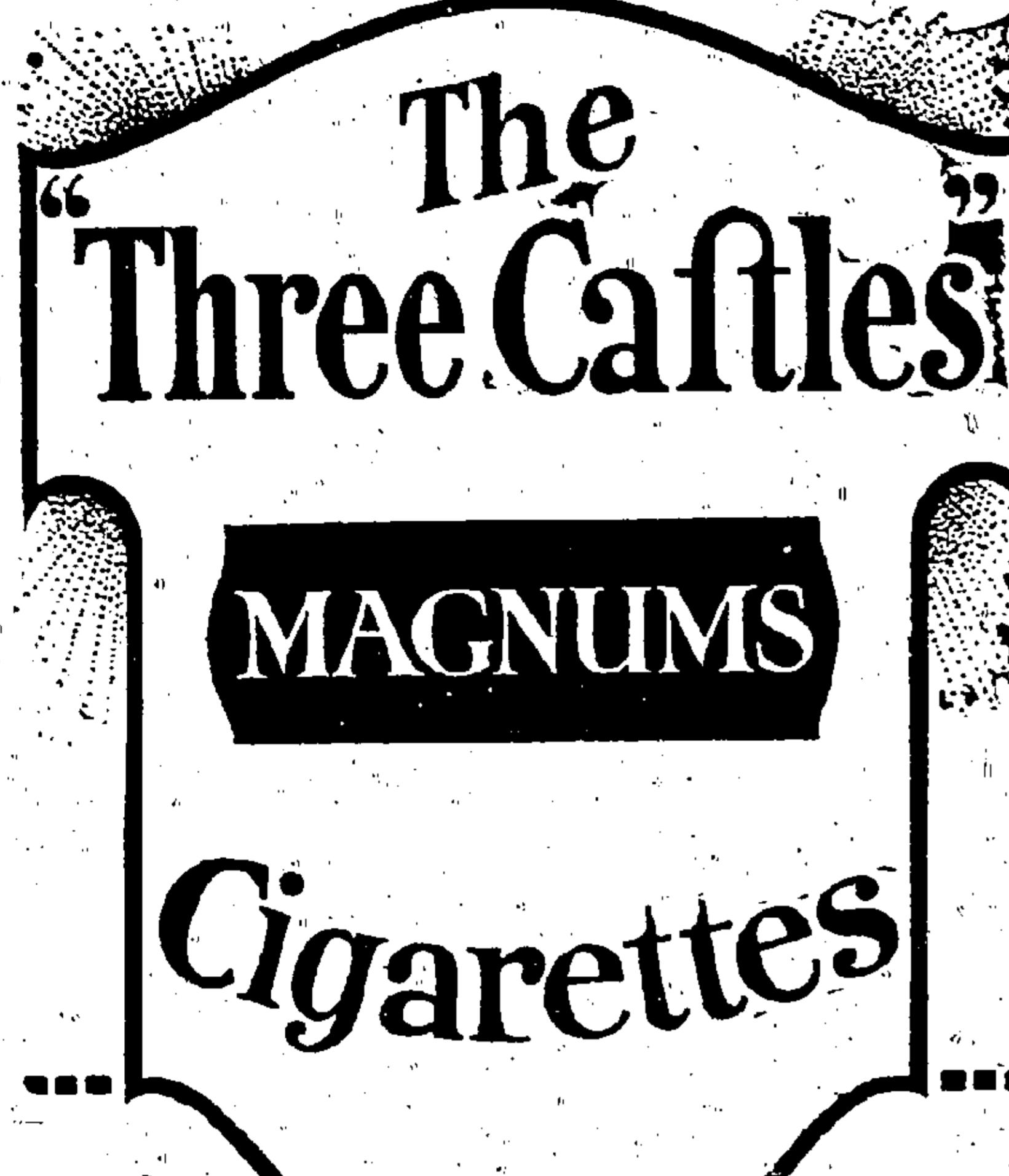
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MANILA GOVERNMENT.

A Scheme of Reform Suggested.

Mr L Fred Patstone, retiring city engineer of Manila, on the eve of his departure for the United States after years of service in the Philippines, expressed the opinion that a city Government headed by the Mayor as city manager, with an advisory board composed of the chiefs of the different departments, would make better and a more efficient organisation for Manila than the present arrangement, says the *Manila Bulletin*.

Mr Patstone is now a major of the United States Army, and will sail on a transport for the United States to enter the training camp for engineers at Fort Lee, Va. In discussing management he said that an advisory body composed of heads of departments would be able to solve the problems of the city government more efficiently, more intelligently, and more quickly than the present Municipal Board some of whose members, he said, have done more, consciously or unconsciously, to retard the progress of the work of the city than to push it. He was particularly emphatic in his assertion that many things enacted by the board have not been given due study and investigation.

"If we had here a city Government composed of the Mayor as city manager and an advisory board composed of heads of departments," said Mr. Patstone, "any question arising in regard to its work would be dealt with efficiently and intelligently, without any loss of time and needless debate, since each is an expert in his own line. The chiefs of departments know more than anybody else about the work of their respective departments; and if the mayor advised with them in the prosecution of any idea or plan, instead of leaving it in the hands of a Municipal Board, we would have here in Manila a more efficient Government."

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The importation by post into Japan of foreign wine, except such as may be imported by the Minister of Agriculture and Colonies and the persons designated by him, is prohibited.

This prohibition is not applicable to rice imported into Taiwan (Formosa) and Karabuto (Japanese Esquiline).

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Udine, Vicenza, Treviso, Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Service to the Portuguese Colonies in West Africa and to Spanish Offices in Morocco (except for Prisoners-of-War) is suspended.

On and after May 1st 1918, Imperial Postal Orders will be cashed in India at the rate of 1/6 to the rupee.

The amount of the charge per parcel is fixed at 5/- per day after the extraction of the period stipulated.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwaz or Mohammorah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

From the 1st May 1918 there will be three General deliveries daily from the District Post Offices except on Sunday and Holidays when there will be one delivery only.

The hours of delivery will be as follows:- Week days 9 a.m. 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays and Holidays noon.

The importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of tea, other than that grown or produced in British Possessions is prohibited, unless the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs has been first obtained.

Information has been received from the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs Tokio that on and after 1st April 1918, the Post Office of Japan will collect a demurrage charge from the addressees of parcels on which Customs duties or inland taxes are imposed in Japan, not withdrawn from the Post Office within 20 days from the date of the notice of their arrival to be sent to the addressee.

The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, India, advises that: "The Parcel Post Service to the Indian Civil Postal Agencies at Abu Khasib, Amara, Bagdad, Bursa, Bursa City, Fac, Kut, Naseryah, Qulat Salak, Suk-eh-Sheykh and Zibair in Mesopotamia is suspended and that piece-goods, haberdashery and similar articles, except those intended for the personal use of the addressee and not for sale, cannot be sent to those offices or to Abadan, Ahwaz or Mohammorah by the letter post, and that such articles if received will not be delivered and will be liable to confiscation."

OUTWARD MAIRS.

TO-MORROW.

Amoy—24th July, 8 a.m.

Fort Bayard and Haiphong—24th July, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—24th July, 1 p.m.

Cebu, Straits, Europe via Suez—24th July, 5 p.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Wednesday, 24th inst., 2 p.m.

Formosa via Anying—24th 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 25th July.

Haiphong—25th July, 9 a.m.

Swatow—25th July, 11 a.m.

Philippines Islands, Sandakan, Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea via Port Darwin—25th July, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—25th July, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 26th July.

Formosa via Keeling, Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—26th July, 2.30 p.m.

Philippines Islands—26th July, 2 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—26th July, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, 28th July.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keeling—28th July, 8 a.m.

TUESDAY, 30th July.

Tientsin—30th July, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—30th July, 1 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—30th July, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1st August.

Philippines Islands, Formosa via Keeling, Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—1st August, 2.30 p.m.

Friday, 9th August.

Straits, Bangkok, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez—9th August, 10.30 a.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Thursday 8th August, at 5 p.m.

From 22nd July to 28th July.

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Low Water
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Time.

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